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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: BAILEY et al
Serial No.: 10/009,296
Filed: April 3, 2002
For: Apparatus And Method For Wrapping Articles,
Particularly Groups Of Cigarettes
Art Unit: 1733
Examiner: B. Musser

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee)
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 30, 2004

Sir:

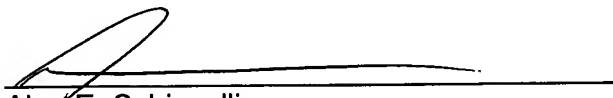
In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the third month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed June 30, 2004.

A payment in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 912.40950X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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